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APPLICANTS: Hofmann et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 6250
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was cited by the Chinese Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Chinese application.

A copy of Reference AL is submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which Reference AL is listed.

A translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the copy of Reference AL that is submitted herewith has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of transmittal of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly the undersigned representative of the Applicants states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that Reference AL was first cited in communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 501519.

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